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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides for a method of concentrating synthetic rubber latices, in particular all emulsion polymerised diene rubbers latices such as styrenebutadiene rubber (SBR) latex, neoprene latex, etc. The technique generally entails, firstly, adding creaming agents, such as tamarind seed powder or alginate (including ammonium alginate) to the synthetic rubber latex so that clustering of the latex particles may be achieved. The clustered latex particles are thus larger and is thus able to be centrifuged in the usual manner using conventional centrifuges or techniques to separate the concentrate from the skim.

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